

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMAL BRISSETT,

Defendant.

USDC SDNY
DOCUMENT
ELECTRONICALLY FILED
DOC #:

ORDER DATE FILED: 3/9/21

19 Cr. 153 (KMW)

WHEREAS, defendant JAMAL BRISSETT has stated an intention to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to a plea agreement in this case, and this Court has referred the change-of-plea proceeding to the duty Magistrate Judge;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that the proceeding take place remotely, and the CARES Act and findings made by the Judicial Conference of the United States and Chief Judge Colleen McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty pleas to be taken by phone or video, subject to certain findings made by the District Judge;

WHEREAS the Court understands that the duty Magistrate Judge shall conduct the defendant's change-of-plea proceeding by videoconference or by telephone if, due to scheduling limitations, videoconference is not reasonably available, and that the defendant has specifically consented to the proceeding occurring remotely;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that the defendant's change-of-plea proceeding cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, because the defendant's case has been pending since his arrest in March 2019; because the Court has set a trial date of May 3, 2021 in this case, and the defendant has stated an intention to resolve the case by pleading guilty, which would be frustrated by further delay; and because the parties' and the public's interest in finality, certainty, and the speedy disposition of criminal cases all require that the change-of-plea proceeding occur without further delay.

SO ORDERED: N.Y., N.Y. 3/9/21

Kimba M. Wood

KIMBA M. WOOD
U.S.D.J.